



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Anchored in Faith. Serving Our Neighbor. Singing God's Praise.*

*Mission: To be a caring and diverse community of people who know and share the love of God through Jesus Christ.*

## Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024

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The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

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**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.** *You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community for all who enter here. You are received as a friend . . .*

- *just as you are, created by God.*
- *whatever your color, culture and customs, your age, abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity.*
- *wherever circumstances find you... in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength and hope, or in search of spiritual fullness and friendship.*
- *whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts or do not believe, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace and justice in Christ's name.*

*You are embraced as an expression of the diversity and beauty of the creation God has given us.*

**You are welcome here!**

*The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our congregation is growing.  
Please welcome our youngest brothers and sisters and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.*

# ✝ THE SERVICE ✝

## ↓ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ↓CHOIR

*Day of Arising*

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## ✝ GATHERING ✝

(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)

### ↑THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

### ↑HYMN *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!* #377 vs. 1, 2, 3

#### 1 *Alleluia! Jesus is risen!*

*Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!*

#### *Refrain*

*Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

#### 2 *Walking the way, Christ in the center*

*telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.  
Refrain*

#### 3 *Jesus the vine, we are the branches;*

*life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain*

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### ↑GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### ↑CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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*This is the feast of victory for our God.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia. (repeat)*

1. *Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and  
honor, blessing and glory are his. (refrain)*

2. *Sing with all the people of God, and join in the  
hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory  
and might be to God and the Lamb forever.  
Amen. (refrain)*

3. *For the Lamb who was slain has begun his  
reign. Alleluia. (refrain)*

### ↑PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, **you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

↓ FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Word of God, Word of Life.      **Thanks be to God.**

↓ Psalm 4

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?” Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

↓ SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s

children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, Word of Life.      **Thanks be to God.**

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?*

*You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

↑ GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

↓ SERMON

↓HYMN *Touch That Soothes and Heals*  
ACS #939 vs. 1, 3, 4

**1** *Touch that soothes and heals the hurting,  
hands that break a loaf of bread;  
steps that walk beside the weary,  
bearing burdens in their stead:*

**Refrain**

*"See my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
love arisen from the grave.  
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
"live as ones I died to save."*

**3** *Love and serve without distinction  
all earth's people, first and least.  
Know within each act of kindness  
hope and wholeness are increased. Refrain*

**4** *Hands that beckon little children,  
bind a wound, prepare a meal,  
feet that rush to share good tidings,  
Christ arisen, still reveal. Refrain*

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↑ AN AUSTRALIAN CREED

Let us affirm our faith.

**We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth,  
origin and destiny of us all.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ-God coming to us in  
the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn- who  
emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in  
the face of despair. Plunged into death and hell, he  
broke free of the captives, and is leading the way  
to the land of promise where justice and peace will  
flourish.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the  
seed of truth, brings us to birth as the body of  
Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform  
all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.**

**We believe in the coming reign of God. Announced  
by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus, and  
will be consummated in the glorious marriage of  
earth and heaven, when all who have passed  
through the world's deep sorrow will be raised  
from the waters, robed in righteousness, and  
gathered into the joyous fulfillment of God's  
desire.**

**For the coming of that day on this day, we work  
and pray: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

An Affirmation of Faith from our siblings in Australia

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is  
most prayerful to you.)*

You may choose to sit or stand as you are  
comfortable.

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed  
over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and  
all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers.  
As we share the holy meal that is the body and  
blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that  
we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God  
of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth.  
Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and  
protect the climate, that this planet would sustain  
life in all its variety. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance  
beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers,  
judges, and elected officials to make decisions  
grounded in your justice and care for all people. God  
of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our elder, you care for all your children.  
Encourage those who are in times of transition,  
facing the loss of old ways and routines and  
anticipating change. Guide those who journey in  
grief, hope, and uncertainty. Today we pray  
especially for *the family of Audrey West, the family  
of John Stich, Betty Ann Haskins, Matt Fleischman,  
Ginny Parsons, Lou and Stevie O'Connell, JoAnn Lee,  
Eva Fields, Ryan Simpson, Elizabeth Madaras,  
RuthAnne Ladue, Jerry Stich, Sister Pat Nagle,  
Bernadette Hunsaker, Peter Dow, Jane McDermott,  
Mary Goglio, Wes & Marla Anderson, Constance  
Farber, Alan Petersen, Annalise Simmons, Helen  
Pedersen, Ann Kenyon, Tricia, Pam Clisham, Deanna  
Madarasz, Craig Anderson, Pastor Craig, Michael  
Rasmussen, Jackson Bohm, Nancy Stich, Patricia  
Runo, Gail Cromack, Kate Ganschow, Michael Lamb,  
Maddy Pearce, Christine Winberg and Dorothy  
Wingire.* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity  
Church Council, the Strategic Exploration Team, the  
priesthood of all believers, Calvary Christian Church  
in Alameda, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in  
Rwanda and our Sunday School. We pray for the  
fullness of the life of Mary Kay Wentz as she

celebrates her birthday this week. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

At this time, you are invited to pray the prayers of your heart, either silently or aloud.

*A moment is offered for prayers from the congregation*

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

## ✠ MEAL ✠

### ↑ SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### ↓ OFFERING

### ↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### ↑ PREFACE FOR THE DAY

*It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

### ↑ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest,  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### ↑ JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### ↑ LORD'S PRAYER

*You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.*

**Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### ↓ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

**Thanks be to God!**

### ↓ DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. **Gluten-free wafers are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host.** If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

### ↓ LAMB OF GOD

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**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

### ↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

### ↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Shepherding God, **you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

### ↑ BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

**↑HYMN *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* #364 v. 1 & 5**

**1 *Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.  
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,  
even from death, dispelling its gloom.***

**Refrain**

***Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.  
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!***

**5 *Christ has arisen to set us free.  
Alleluia, to him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. Refrain***

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**↑DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Risen Today*

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## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 93

### IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 4/15 9:30am Craft Group  
Tues 4/16 7:30am Bible Study (meets on Zoom)  
Wed 4/17 *No Women's Bible Study this week*

**SEEKING SYNOD ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBERS** This year our Synod Assembly will take place Friday June 7-Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> in Fresno. We are seeking two voting members (preferably one man and one woman) to represent Trinity as voting members. If you are willing to be one of our congregation's delegates, please chat with Pasto Stephanie.

**LUTHERAN LOBBY DAY** Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30am-4pm in Sacramento. Registration is now open. For more information on Lobby Day, or to register to attend, please visit [lutheranpublicpolicyca.org](http://lutheranpublicpolicyca.org) or talk with Mary James to learn more about this vital event.

**THE MIDWAY SHELTER MEAL FOR APRIL** is Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers for all parts of the meal: entrée, starch (bread, potatoes, rice, etc.), veggie side dish, salad, and drinks. Please see the sign-up sheet on the desk in the hall to sign up for a portion of the meal (to serve about 28 people, half of those are children) or talk to Jessica if you have questions about how you can participate.

**Visits from Pastor Stephanie**

If you would appreciate a visit from Pastor Stephanie, she is available by phone, text or email to make an appointment. She is happy to visit with you in your home, at her office, or a location of your convenience.

**Pastor's Office Hours**

*Mon-10:00-Noon; Tues. 9am-Noon; Thurs.-10:00-Noon*

You can reach Pastor Stephanie on her cell phone at (510) 846-0883